Financial allocation to ICAR

3168. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to reduce financial allocations for the ICAR;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ICAR has not been able to contribute in a proportionate manner to farmers and others for the huge investments being made on an annual basis in it;

(c) what steps will be taken to verify the inactive and non-contributory wings or institutes under the ICAR;

(d) whether any study has been done in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) In consultation with the Planning Commission, under the Zero Based Budgeting Exercise, the following Nine Schemes/Projects have been weeded out :

1. AICRP on Post Harvest Technology of Horticultural Crops
2. AICRP on Microbial Decomposition and Recycling of Farm and City Waste
3. AICRP on Tillage Requirement
4. AICRP on Engineering Measures for Efficient Land & Water Management
5. Network Project on Embryo Transfer Technology in Animal Production
6. AICRP on Blood Protista
7. AICRP on Agricultural Drainage
8. Project on Promotion of Research and Development of Hybrid Seed in selected Crops
9. AICRP on Management of Diara Land